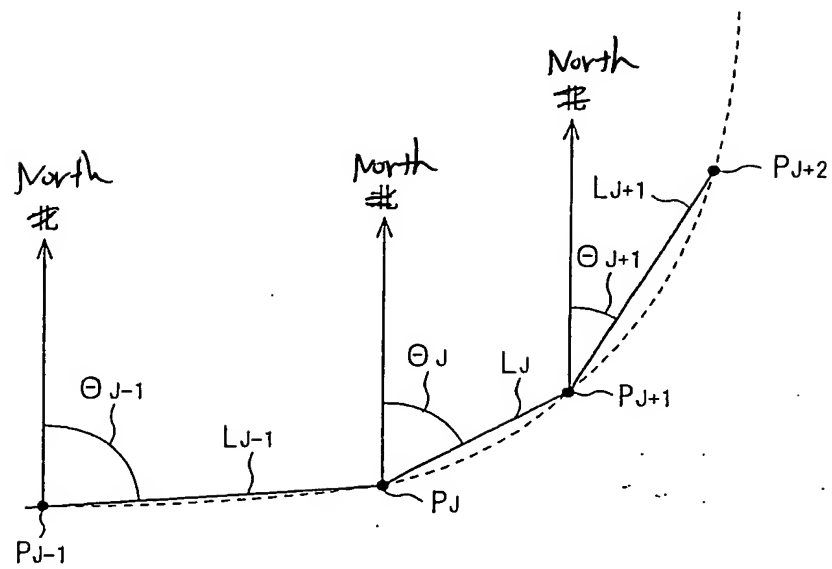


Fig. 1



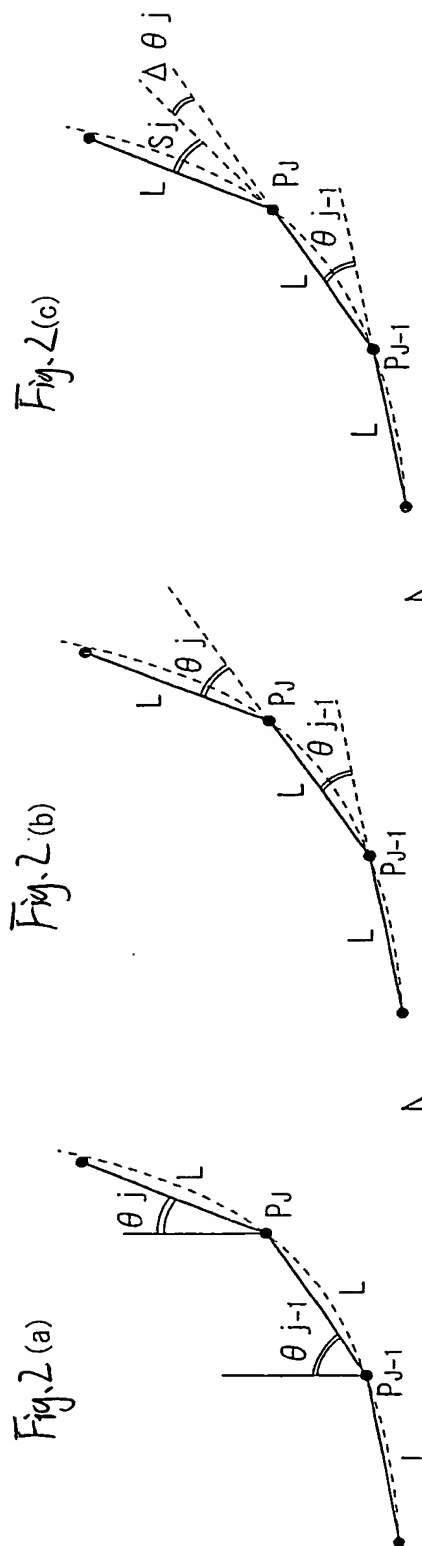


Fig.3

shape data sampled at equal intervals with
resample segment length L

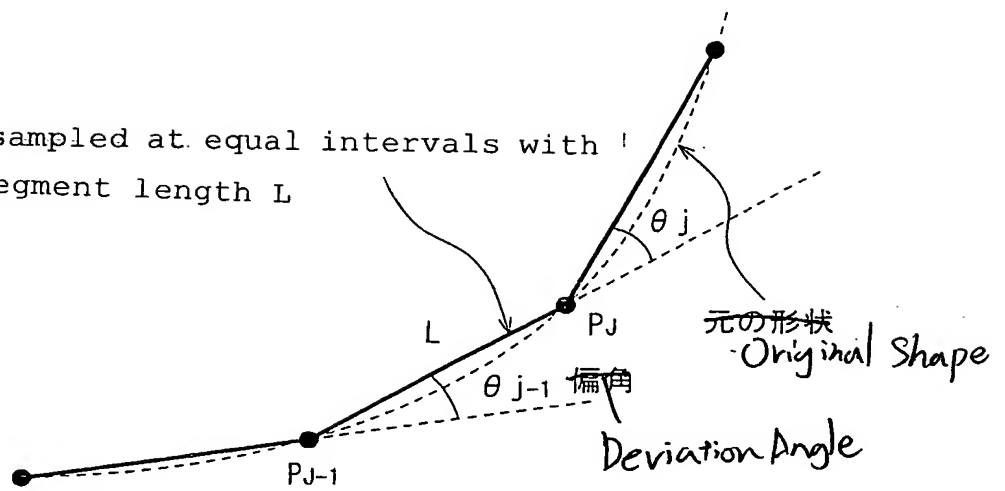


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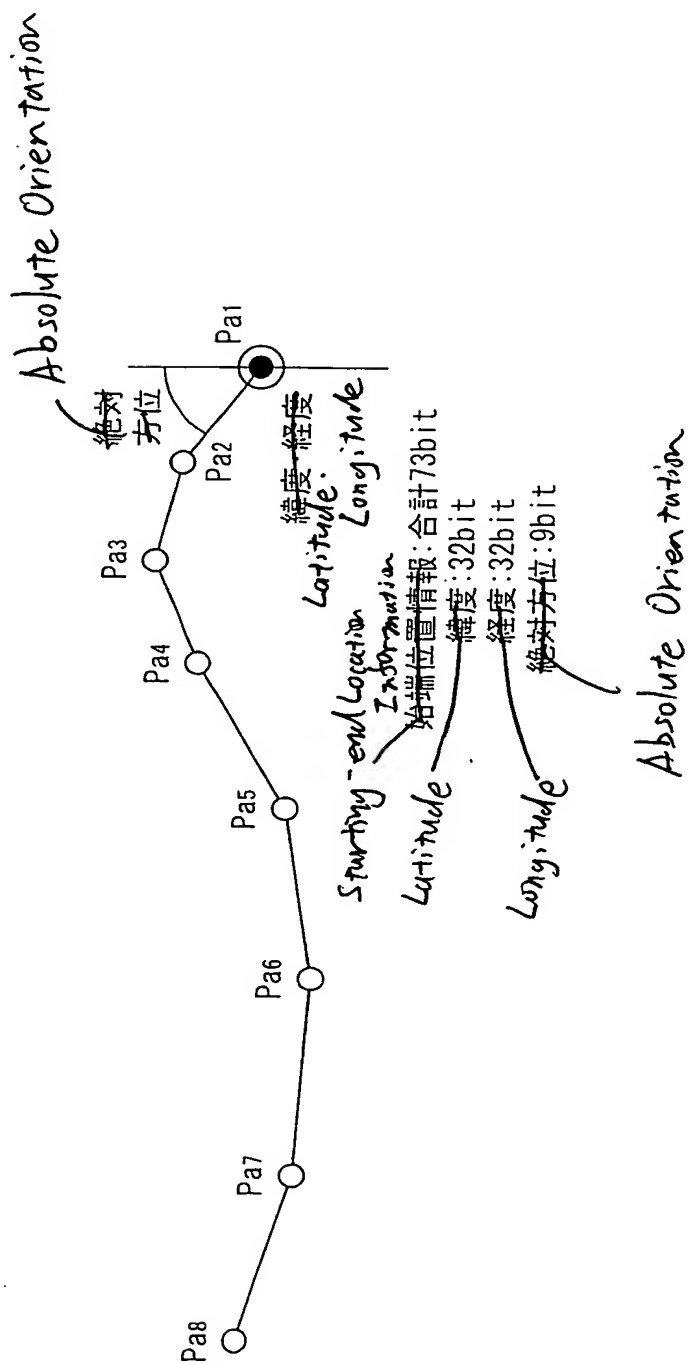


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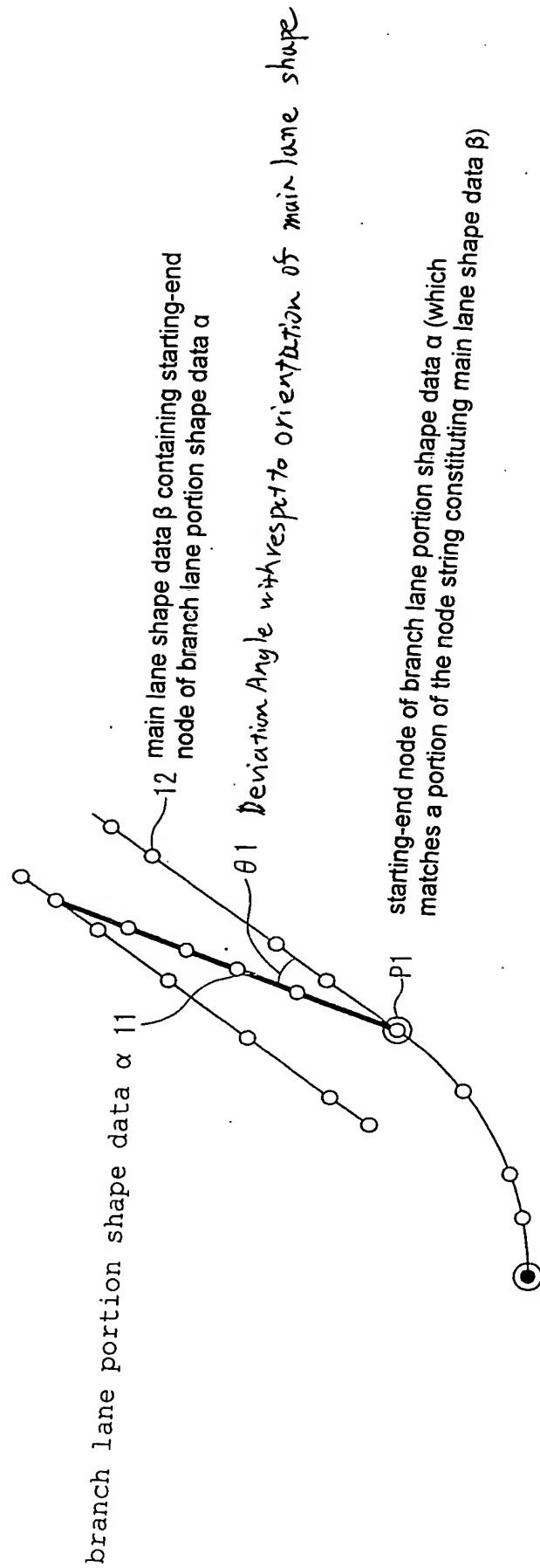


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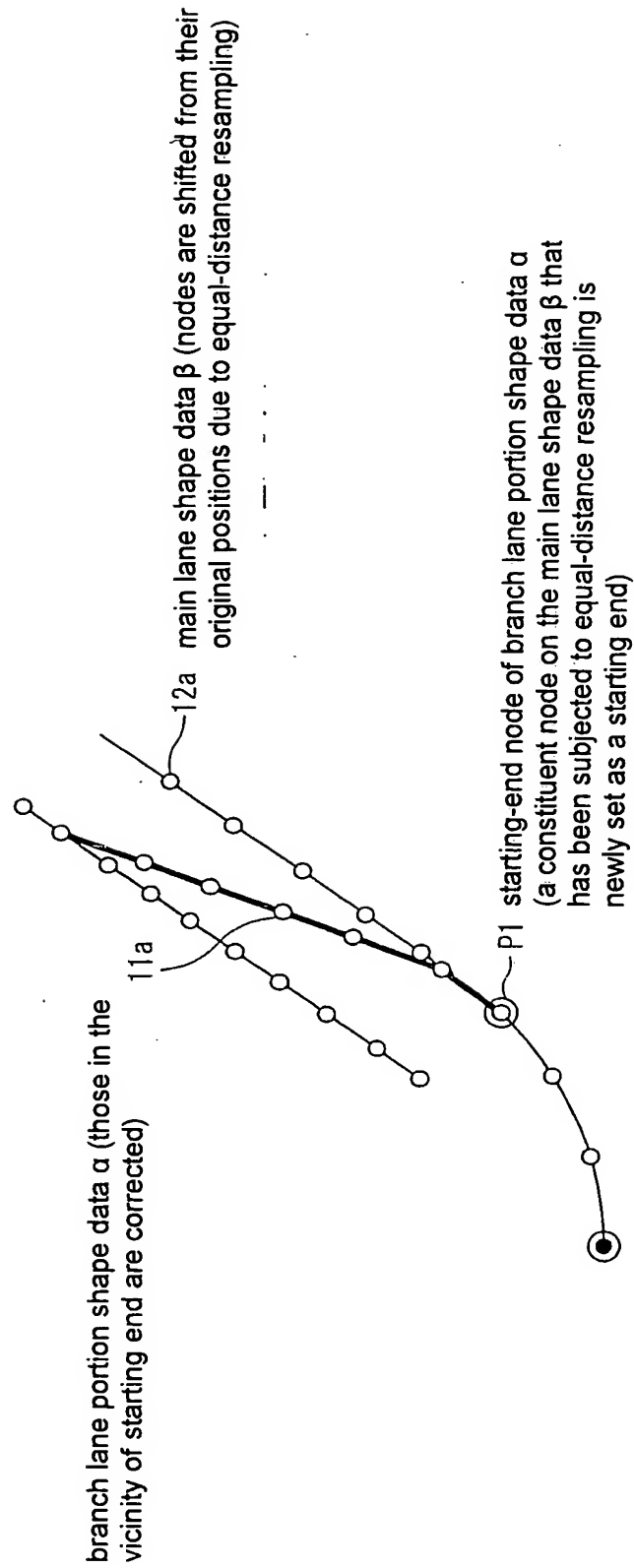


Fig. 7

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|---|
| vector data type (= road) |
| shape data number (#1) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form identifier of starting-end location (= absolute latitude and longitude) |
| absolute coordinate of node P1 in X orientation (longitude) |
| absolute coordinate of node P1 in Y orientation (latitude) |
| absolute orientation between nodes P1 → P2 |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
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| shape data number (#2) |
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Fig. 8

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|---|
| vector data type (= road) |
| shape data number (#1) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form identifier of starting-end location (= first representation form) |
| shape data number to be referenced (= β) |
| number of nodes from the starting end of shape data β |
| deviation angle from the orientation of main lane shape |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
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| shape data number (#2) |
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Fig. 9

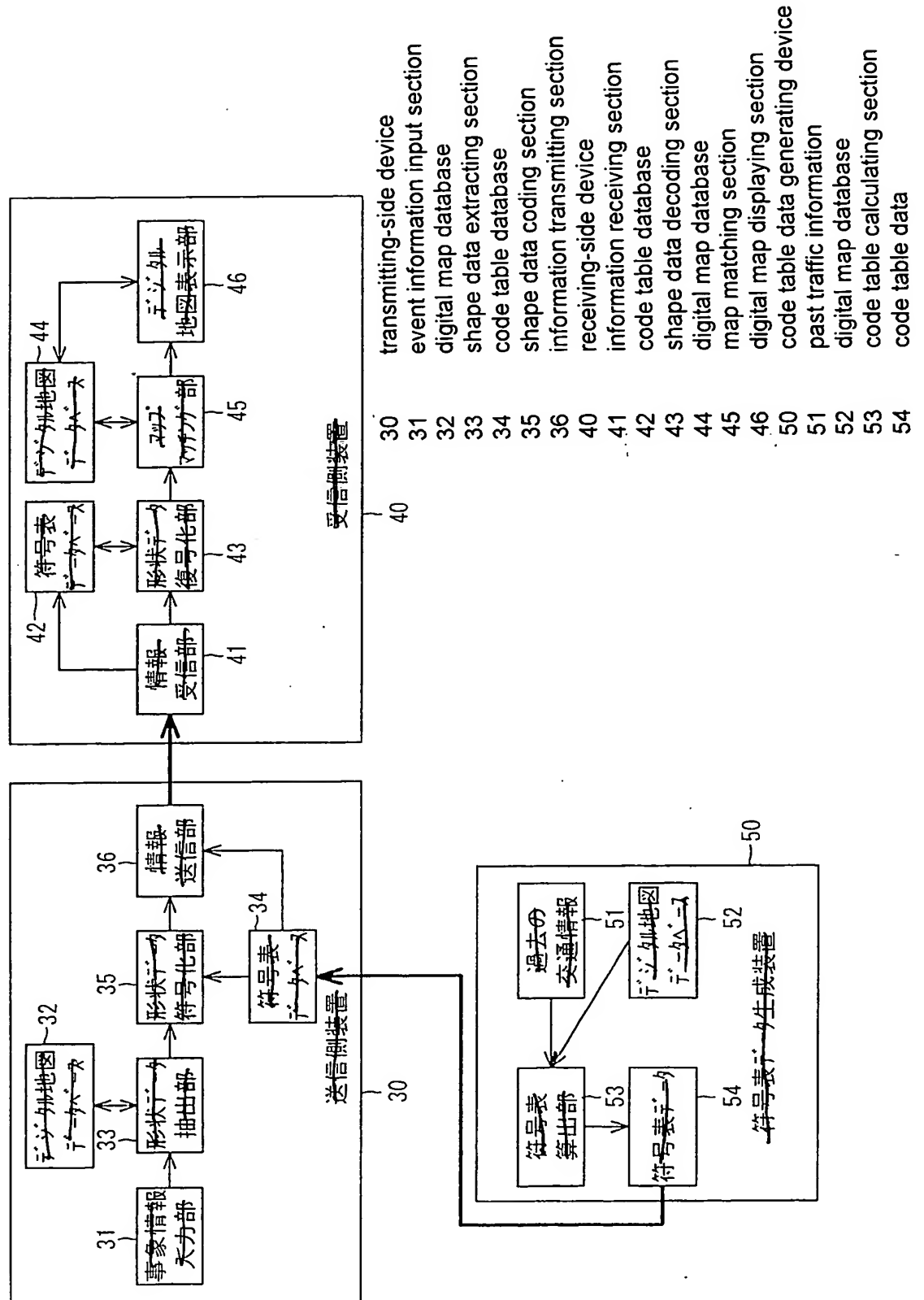


Fig. 10

start

- S11 receive shape data
 S12 extract branch lane portion shape data on such that its starting end exists in the main lane shape data β
 S13 calculate each route distance L_n on main lane shape data β from starting end of main lane shape data β to starting end of each branch lane portion shape data α_n
 S14 resample main lane shape data β at equal distances and perform variable length coding compression
 S15 search an appropriate node on resampled main lane shape data β the route distance of which is shorter than L_n from starting end on main lane shape data β
 S16 represent starting end of branch lane portion shape data α_n using the number of nodes from starting end of main lane shape data β
 S17 change starting end P1 of branch lane portion shape data α_n into node on main lane shape data β and correct branch lane portion shape data α_n
 S18 resample branch lane portion shape data α_n at equal distances and perform variable length coding compression.
 S19 all shaped data processed?
 S20 transmit data to information transmitting section
 end

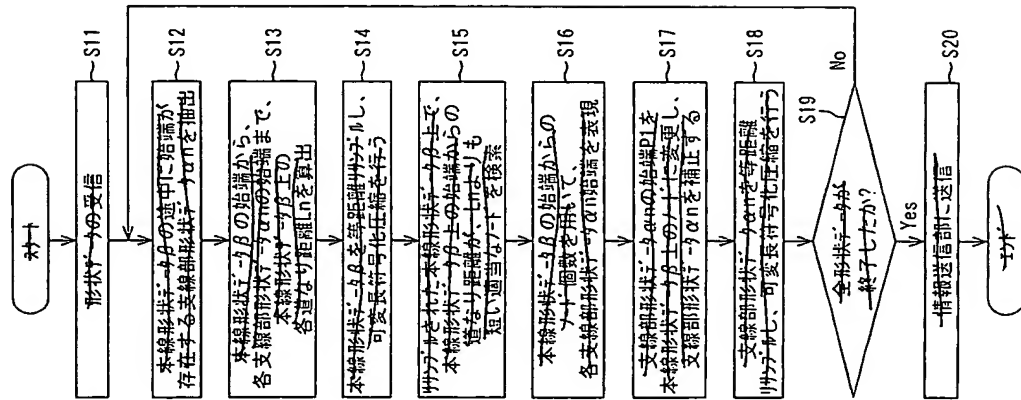


Fig. 11

start
 S21 receive shape data
 S22 decode main lane shape data β
 S23 identify starting end P1 of branch lane portion shape data α from decoded main lane shape data β and number of nodes from starting end
 S24 decode branch lane portion shape data α
 S25 all shape data processed?
 S26 transmit data to map matching section
 end

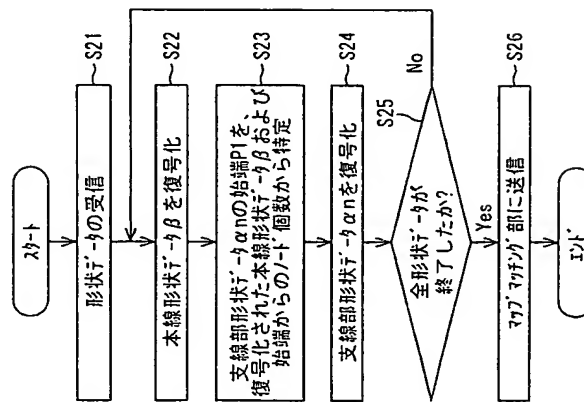


Fig. 11

Fig. 12

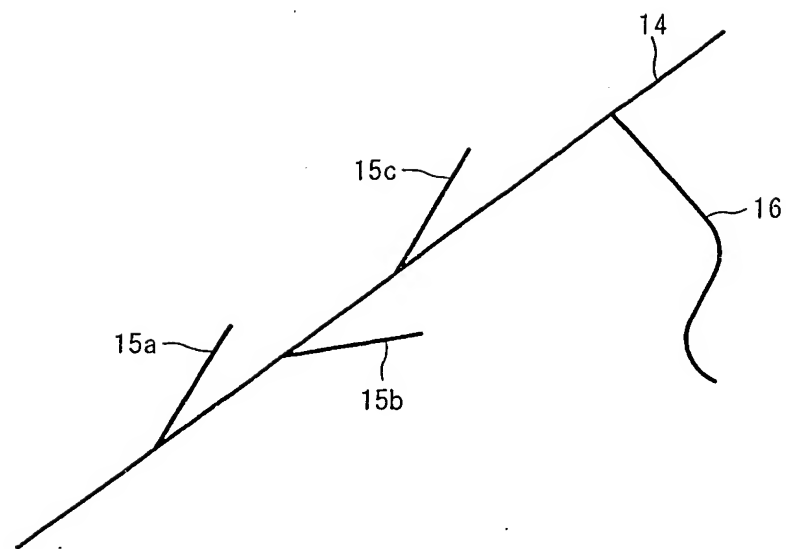


Fig. 13

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| vector data type (= road) |
| . . . |
| shape data number (#1) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form of starting-end location (= absolute latitude and longitude) |
| absolute coordinate of node P1 in X orientation (longitude) |
| absolute coordinate of node P1 in Y orientation (latitude) |
| absolute orientation between nodes P1 → P2 |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
| shape data number (#N) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form of starting-end location (= second representation form) |
| number of nodes from starting end of immediately preceding shape data with absolute coordinate representation |
| deviation angle from orientation of main lane shape |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
| . . . |
| shape data number (#3) |
| . . . |

102a shape data to be referenced
(absolute coordinate representation)

102b shape data with second
representation form (referencing
the immediately preceding shape data
with absolute coordinate representation)

Fig. 14

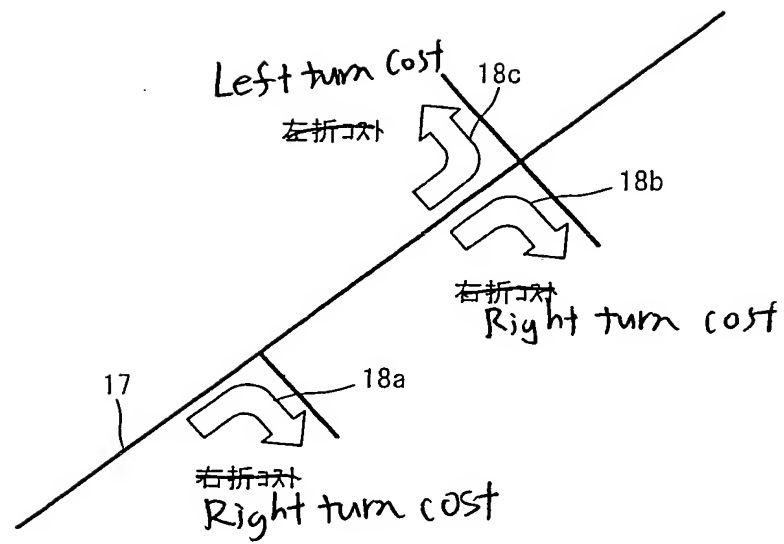


Fig. 15

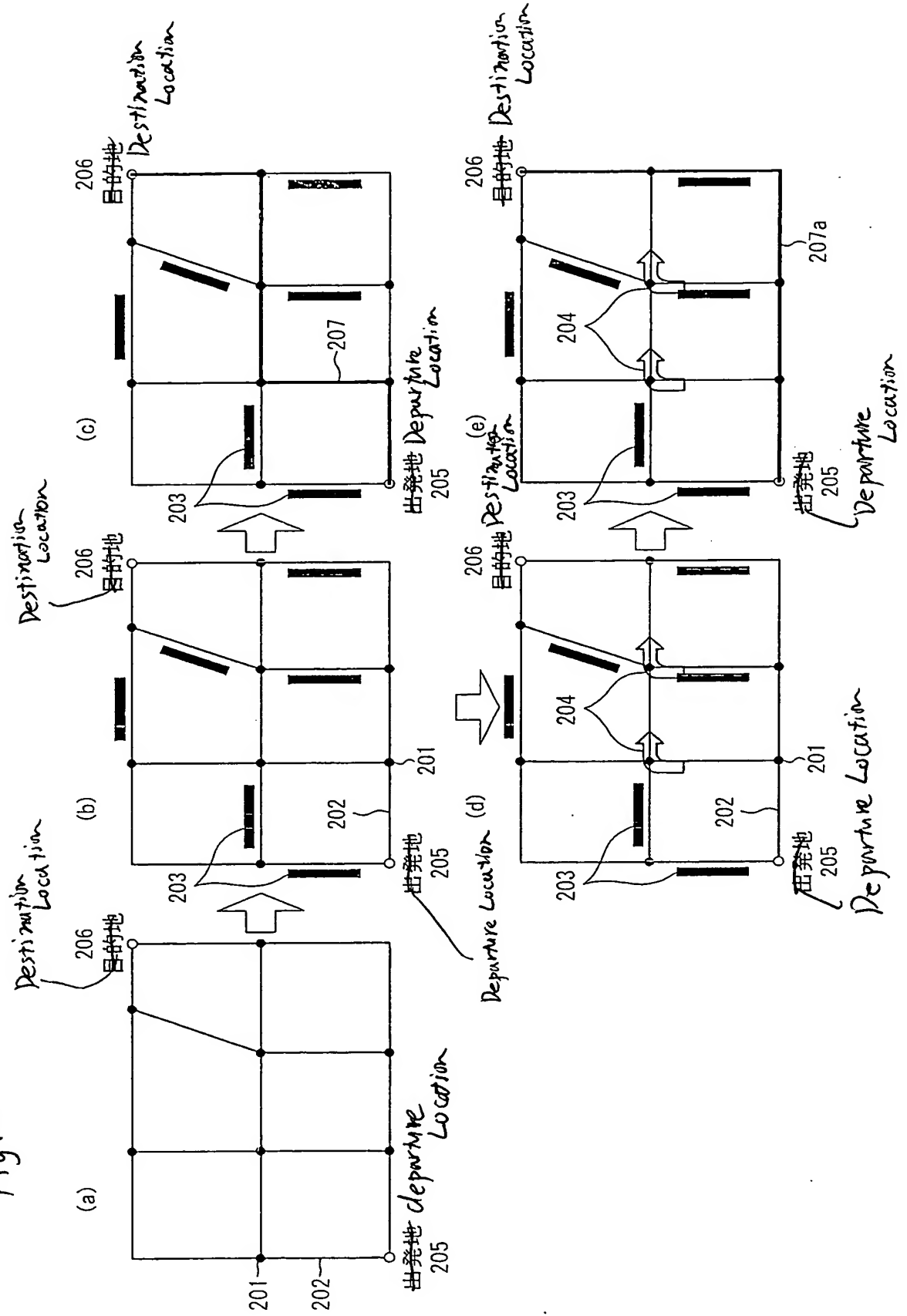


Fig. 16(a)

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| vector data type (= road) |
| ... |
| shape data number (#N-1) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form of starting-end location (= absolute latitude and longitude) |
| absolute coordinate of node P1 in X orientation (longitude) |
| absolute coordinate of node P1 in Y orientation (latitude) |
| absolute orientation between nodes P1 → P2 |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
| shape data number (#N) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form of starting-end location (= third representation form) |
| number of nodes from starting end of preceding shape data |
| deviation angle from orientation of main lane shape |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
| ... |
| shape data number (#3) |
| ... |

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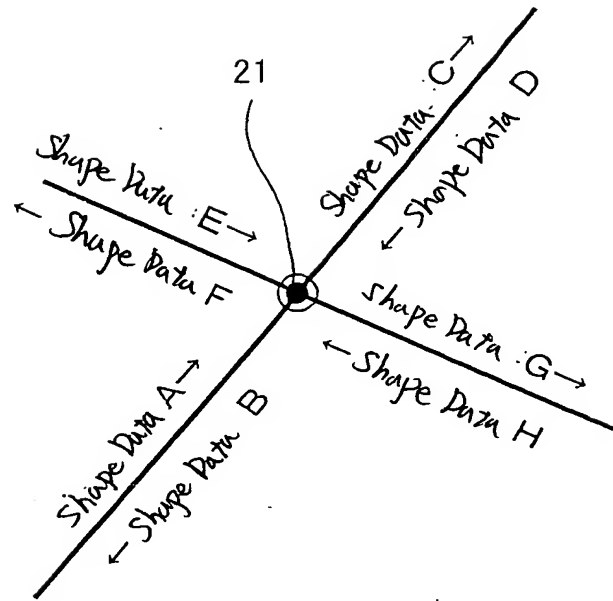
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Fig. 16(a)

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| reference shape data number = N |
| left/right turn waiting time |
| ... |

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Fig. 17



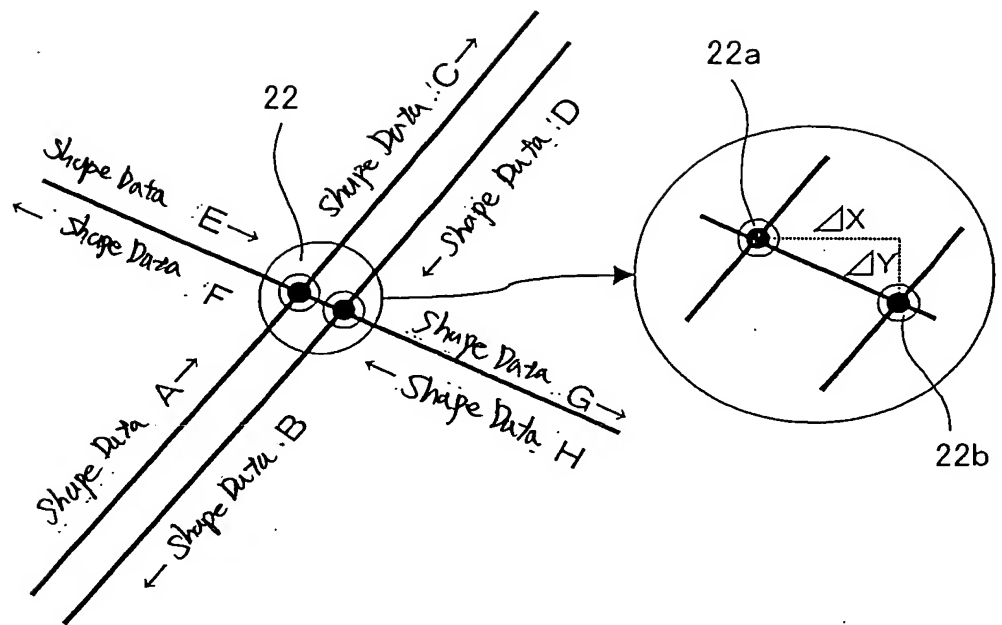
terminal end of shape data A
 = starting end of shape data B
 = starting ends of shape data C, F, G
 = terminal ends of shape data D, E, H

Fig. 18

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| vector data type (= road) |
| shape data number (= α) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form of starting-end location (= fourth representation form) |
| shape data number to be referenced (= β) |
| identification of starting end/terminal end (= terminal end) |
| absolute orientation between starting end \rightarrow next node |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
| . . . |
| shape data number (= X) |
| . . . |

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Fig. 19



terminal end of shape data A + $(\Delta X, \Delta Y)$
 = starting ends of shape data B, G
 = terminal ends of shape data D, H

Fig. 20

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| vector data type (= road) |
| shape data number (= α) |
| code table number |
| sample segment length L (m) |
| total node number |
| representation form of starting-end location (= fifth representation form) |
| shape data number to be referenced (= β) |
| identification of starting end/terminal end (= terminal end) |
| offset ΔX in longitude orientation |
| offset ΔY in latitude orientation |
| absolute orientation between starting end \rightarrow next node |
| coded data of shape (bit string of deviation angle θ_j or deviation angle statistical predicted value difference $\Delta\theta_j$ that is coded) |
| . . . |
| shape data number (= X) |
| . . . |

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Fig. 21

Fig. 21

start

- S31 receive shape data
- S32 extract subject shape data α whose starting end can be represented by relative location of reference shape data β
- S33 represent starting end P1 of subject shape data α with relative location on reference shape data β
- S34 resample reference shape data β at equal distances and perform variable length coding compression
- S35 correct relative location representation of starting end P1 of subject shape data α using resampled reference shape data β
- S36 correct subject shape data α using corrected starting end P1
- S37 resample subject shape data α at equal distances and perform variable length coding compression
- S38 all shape data processed?
- S39 transmit data to information transmitting section
- end

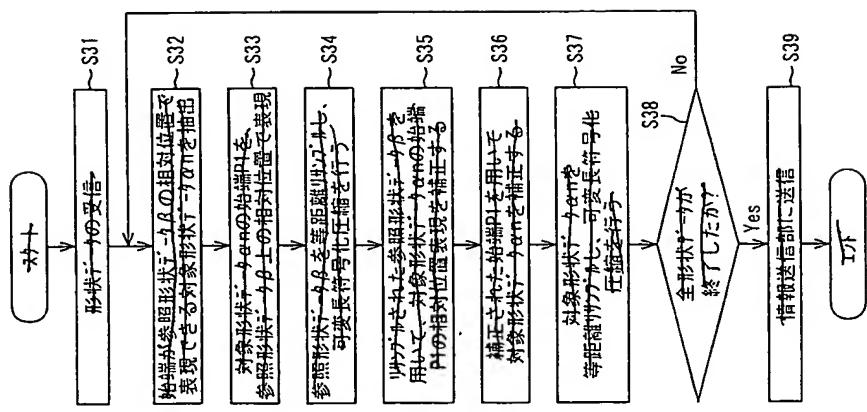


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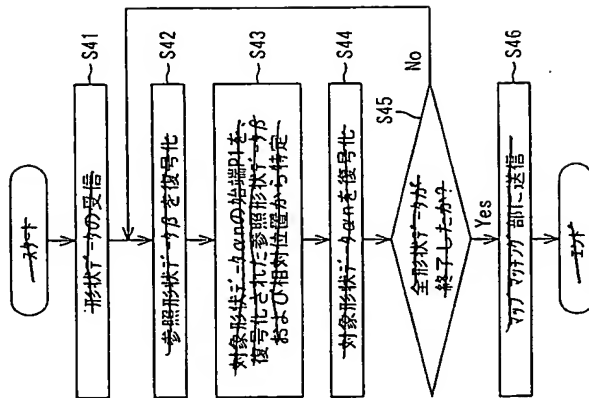


Fig. 22
 start
 S41 receive shape data
 S42 decode reference shape data β
 S43 identify starting end P1 of subject shape data α from decoded reference shape data β and its relative location
 S44 decode subject shape data α
 S45 all shape data processed?
 S46 transmit data to map matching section
 end